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Primitive Baptist Assocociatic

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Durham, Durham County, N. C.,

AUGUST 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH, 1890.

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PROCEEDINGS.

1ST. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. Y. Monk, from Gal. 3: 29.

2ND. The Association convened, and after prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy, proceeded to business.

3RD. Elder S. P. Terry was chosen Moderator.

4TH. The Rules of Decorum were read.

5TH. The letters from the several churches were ad and their standing minuted in the statistical le. (See table.)

I. Correspondents were invited to take seats us, whereupon the following were received:

From Kehukee—Elders W. A. Ross and B. eenwood, and Brethren Mc. Brantley and B. I. llsbrook.

From Black Creek—Elders P. D. Gold and J. T. Egerton, and Brethren G. J. Yelverton, D. Scott, Jethro Howell, Phillip Howell and Isaac Smith:

From Little River—Elder J. E. Adams and Breth G. W. Johnson, J. K. Stewart, J. R. Young, J. P. Gulley, Wm. Hilliard and S. D. Coley.

From White Oak—Elders L. H. Hardy and B. H. Wooten, visitor.

From Contentnea—Elders J. W. Gardner, J. R. Rowe, W. B. Williams and J. R. Roberts.

From Country Line—Elders J. S. Dameron, J. A. Burch, W. C. Jones, and Brethren D. L. Walls, J. R. Hester and Henry Crumpton.

From Fisher's River—Elder J. D. Draughn.

From Mount Moriah, (Ala.)—Elder J. T. Stewart.

7TH. Brethren Hargis Farthing, J. M. Wood, J. M. Monk, with the Moderator and Clerk, were chosen a Committee of Arrangements, and W. G. Vickers and A. L. Holden a Committee of Finance.

8TH. Elders P. D. Gold and J. W. Gardner were appointed to preach in the afternoon.

9TH. Cedar Grove Church presented a letter of dismissal from the Little River Association and was received into the Eno Association.

10TH. Adjourned to meet Saturday morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

11TH. The Association met according to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder J. A. Burch, proceeded to business.

12TH. The Committee of Arrangements reported that Elders W. A. Ross and W. C. Jones preach Friday night. and Elders J. S. Dameron and J. A. Stewart to preach Saturday morning, and Elder B. H. Wooten and J. E. Adams to preach Saturday evening, and Elders W. B. Williams and J. A. Burch Saturday night, and Elders L. H. Hardy and J. R. Rowe Sunday A. M., and J. R. Roberts and J. T. Egerton Sunday, P. M., and Sunday night B. Greenwood and J. D. Draughn, and Brother Draughn being unwell Brother Albert Blalock was requested to preach and accepted.

13TH. The Finance Committee's report received.

14TH. Messengers appointed last year to visit Sister Associations generally attended, and those who did not were excused.

15TH. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations:

To Country Line—S. P. Terry, T. Y. Monk and G. C. Fartning.

To Abbotts Creek—W. G. Vickers.

To Little River—H. Farthing, C. P. Warren and T. Y. Monk.

To Kehukee—J. J. Whitfield, S. P. Terry and G. C. Farthing.

To Contentnea—S. P. Terry.

To White Oak—S. P. Terry and J. M. Monk.

To Black Creek—G. T. Powell, John Hall and J. M. Woods.

To Mayo—T. Y. Monk.

A motion prevailed that we correspond with the balance of Associations that are in corrrspondence with Country Line Association by minutes.

16TH. A motion prevailed that we have section tings.

TH. The Association agreed to hold a section ing with Cedar Grove church commencing on riday before the first Sunday in April, 1891. lder S. P. Terry to preach the Introductory Sermon; T. Y. Monk his alternate.

18TH. Also agreed to hold one with Durham church, to begin Friday before the 4th Sunday in April, 1891, and Elder G. P. Powell preach the Introductory, and Elder S. P. Terry his alternate.

19TH. The Circular Letter prepared by brother Hargis Farthing was read and adopted and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

20TH. The Clerk was instructed to invest the amount received from churches for minutes.

21ST. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Mt. Lebanon, about 11 miles North of Durham, in Durham county, N. C.; commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1891, and that Elder G. B. Powell preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder S. P. Terry his alternate.

22ND. Brother A. L. Holden was appointed to write a Circular Letter for next year.

23RD. We, the Eno Association, forbid every species of traffic and all other disorder within legal bounds of our Association during the entire meeting, and offenders may expect to be prosecuted to the extent of the laws of North Carolina.

24TH. This Association tenders their sincere thanks to Captain E. J. Parrish for the use of his warehouse and to the community for their hospitality and to the civil officers for their vigilance in keeping such good order.

S. P. TERRY, MODERATOR.

G. C. FARTHING, Clerk.

W. G. VICKERS, Ass't Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

VERY DEAR AND BELOVED BRETHREN: — For the first time we have met together in an associated capacity, and O! may the God of all grace, love, truth and mercy be with us all as our Great Moderator to guide and direct us in the good old way which our fathers have marked out or set for us to follow; for they have been tried and always found to work well. Never let us depart from the old landmarks which our fathers have set. Just as sure as we do just so will we get into trouble.

My dearly beloved Brethren, I have been blessed with the privilege of meeting with you all once more this side of the grave, and very likely the last time. I've been spared to see my 75th year and have been a poor, sinful and rebelious worm of the dust all the days of my life, and instead of getting better I can see more and more of my sinfulness and imperfections which cause me to exclaim: O! wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I often feel that if my Brethren did only but know what a poor, miserable, sinful wretch I am, they couldn't fellowship me, for I cannot fellowship my sinful flesh, for the things I would I do not, and the things I would not I do. I often feel that I have caught the shadow and missed the substance, and that I shall yet fall by the hands of Saul. But if we suffer no chastisements then are we bastards and not sons. I believe the christian has to be tried in the furnace of affliction so that he may come forth as gold.

Brethren, I feel that it is all right for us, to keep us low in dust and ashes, lest we should be exalted. It is the Lord that can build up, and the Lord can tear down. I believe

beyond a doubt he will do justice to all, and that he will be as much justified in the destruction as in the salvation of souls. Just and holy are all thy ways, O Lord God Almighty. There seems, in this day and time, to be too many, as we might say, helps of the Lord to do his work, and to hasten his work. God's works are ever going on. Neither can the puny arm of mortal man hasten or stop his work. He will do all his pleasure in heaven and on earth, his footstool. Brethren, I know there has been a change in me, whether I am right or wrong. As the world by nature believe they can do something to justify themselves before God they fly to the law to justify themselves by the deeds of the law when it says, by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified in his sight. Again, cursed every one that continueth not in all things that are written in the book of the law to do them. There never has been one and that was Christ Jesus the Lord that did fulfill the requirements of the law. That was opened up to my view while I was in deep trouble and distress concerning my lost and ruined condition; for I firmly believed I had committed the unpardonable sin, and would slip my bible and go off to the woods, or some secret place, to search or find out what the unpardonable sin is, nor could I receive any satisfaction; and the verses above named were presented to my mind and seemed to deprive me of all my works or doing powers. Then I saw there was no mortal being that could fulfill the law. It seemed that all my props, as it were, had been knocked from under me, and was brought to see and feel that there was nothing that I could do to justify me in the sight of God. I could not see how God could be just and save such a hell-deserving sinner as I was. Mine was an outside case, beyond all others.

I must stop as this looks so much like I feel that I am almost tempted to commit it to the flames, as it is so full of imperfections, blunders and mistakes, so that I cannot blame you for rejecting or throwing it aside.

Now my dear Brethren, I admonish you in the name

of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to stand fast in the doctrine of the prophets and apostles, and of our ancient Primitive Brethren who long since have fallen asleep in Jesus Christ, and yet they live and their advice and admonition we should remember and try to follow and not depart from for any man or men-made institutions, gotten up to draw away some disciples after them. My dear beloved Brethren, I have been spared lo! these many years and I have seen for may years that we were in many instances departlng from the old landmarks which have caused sadness and trouble with me, yet I believe the Lord will work all things for good to them that love God, whether I am of that number or not.

Now may the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with us and all the Israel of God in this world and that to come, is my prayer for Christ's sake, Amen.

HARGIS FARTHING.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Names of Churches.	Names of Messengers.	Post Offices.	Fellowship	Finance.
Durham.....	J. J. Hall, J. J. Whitfield, A. B. Williams,	Durham, N. C.....	36	1 75
Dutchville..	James Beck, Lum Wheeler, W. T. Suit,	Dutchville, N. C...	35	1 00
Eno..	Wm. Farthing, J. M. Woods, J. S. Proctor,	Durham, N. C.....	77	1 25
Mount Lebanon	J. M. Monk, W. J. Bacon, A. L. Holden,	So. Lowell, N. C....	67	1 00
Cedar Grove.....	G. T. Powell, J. B. Lowry,	Pernell, N. C.....	20	2 00
Total.....			235	7 00